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MEMORANDUM FOR:

[REDACTED] Chairman IHC

[REDACTED] MPRRD/IC

[REDACTED] MPRRD/IC

[REDACTED] Chairman EXSUBCOM

SUBJECT : National Imaging Plan for Satellites (NIPS)

1. [REDACTED] has approved the attached draft outline and approach for the NIPS and has asked me to coordinate, monitor, and organize the inputs in the draft outline format.

2. As a result of the above decision, I am transmitting the attached outline to the above addressess, all of whom are involved in the NIPS and we shall have an informal meeting to discuss the input tasking to date and its orientation in this approach, plus expansion of each of the annex outlines.

3. I am also inviting [REDACTED] and his colleagues from NRO to this meeting in view of their key role in the NIPS. We shall meet in Room 6E0708 at the CIA Headquarters Building, on Tuesday, 11 March 1975 at 10 o'clock.

4. Also, attached is the beginning of a General Check List for the NIPS which, in large part, is based upon the various comments on the National SIGINT Plan. Any additions or comments you may have will be appreciated.

[REDACTED]
IC Staff NIPS Coordinator

Attachments:

As Stated

cc: [REDACTED] NRO
[REDACTED] Chairman, COMIREL
[REDACTED], IC/PDP
Mr. John Hicks, NPIC

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ATTACHMENT A

NATIONAL IMAGING PLAN FOR SATELLITES

(Draft Outline--3/4/75-I)

i. EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

I. INTRODUCTION

- A. Purpose and Scope
- B. Concept of the Plan
- C. Preparation and Review
- D. Evaluation and Feedback

II. NATIONAL IMAGERY STRATEGY AND PLANNING

- A. The Overview: Intelligence Needs and Imagery
Planning
- B. National Imagery Strategy: Strategic Implications
of Imagery Planning
- C.* Issues, Options and Fiscal Implications: Support
for Decision Making

III. NATIONAL IMAGERY PLANNING PERIODS

- A. Current Capabilities and Operational Planning 1975-1976
- B. Objectives Planning in the Mid-Term 1976-1981
- C. Long-Range Perspective and Estimate 1980-1990
- D. *(Optional Placement)

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ANNEX A--The Current Capabilities Plan 1975-1976

Part I--Requirements

Part II--Collection

Part III--Exploitation

Part IV--Dissemination

Part V--Programs and Costs

ANNEX B--The Mid-Term Objectives Plan 1976-1981

Part I--Requirements

A. Substantive

B. Imagery

C. Target Environment

Part II--Collection

Part III--Exploitation

Part IV--Dissemination

Part V--Problems, Options and Fiscal Implications

ANNEX C--The Long-Range Perspectives and Estimate 1980-1990

Part I--Perspectives

Part II--Technology

Part III--Information Handling and Intelligence Interfaces

Part IV--Potential Community Considerations

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ATTACHMENT B

GENERAL CHECK LIST FOR NIPS

- (1) Are NIPS goals and objectives prioritized?
- (2) Are NIPS goals and objectives adequately tied to substantive intelligence objectives?
- (3) Are provisions of NIPS adequately related to COMIREX guidance for NIPS?
- (4) Is impact of NIPS commitment to KIQs addressed?
- (5) Is rationale for collection system mix addressed, including role and merits of each system?
- (6) Are significant Imaging R&D projects addressed with expected impact?
- (7) Is interaction with other systems addressed--both support to and support from?
- (8) Does NIPS provide alternatives for decision maker? (Should it?)
- (9) Are military departmental and command support adequately covered?
- (10) Are economic requirements adequately covered?
- (11) Are political requirements adequately covered?
- (12) Can resource ceilings on selected goals be set? (OMB)
- (13) Are resource shortfalls identified?
- (14) Are the anticipated costs of various objectives and goals identified?
- (15) Are specific requests for action identified in NIPS?
- (16) Are steps which community should take to respond to NIPS specific requests for action identified?
- (17) Is present and future time phasing of NIPS in PPB cycle addressed?

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- (18) Is relative expected information gain of various mixes or options addressed?
- (19) Are major NIPS objectives linked to DCI objectives which they support?
- (20) Can NIPS identify anticipated milestones by Fiscal Year for accomplishment of each major NIPS objective?
- (21) Does NIPS address Imagery aspects of National-Tactical interface problem?
- (22) Does NIPS address problems related to WWMCCS/NMIC interface?
- (23) Does NIPS address working relation and adequacy of Imagery Requirements and Performance Evaluation to
(1) DCI Objective; (2) DCID 1/2 Priority Objectives;
(3) DCI Perspectives, and (4) KIQs.
- (24) Are all satellite imagery research and development projects as listed in Intelligence and Research Development 1974-1980 (Intelligence Research and Development Council) covered in the NIPS?

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